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(C) On August 29, the Embassy relayed to the MFA reftel talking points regarding the September 3-4 CentAm Presidential Summit in Belize. The MFA informed us that the GOG supports the Nicaraguan proposal, which reinforces the provisions of the 1995 Democratic Security Treaty of Central America. The GOG sent its multilateral negotiating team to Belize on September 2 to participate in preliminary talks, and Foreign Minister Gutierrez and President Portillo are scheduled to depart for Belize on the afternoon of September 13. There was some doubt on August 29 whether the GOG would participate in the summit, following its decision to reject the findings of the OAS facilitators. However, the MFA informed us on September 2 that President Portillo will participate in the summit.
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